

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2006-997

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, RELATING TO DOWNTOWN CIRCULATOR SERVICE; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That Section 46-16 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, is hereby amended by adding, in the appropriate alphabetical position, a definition of the term *central business district* that reads as follows:

*"Central business district* means the area beginning at the intersection of the centerline of U.S. 59 and the centerline of I.H. 45; thence in a northeasterly and northerly direction along the centerline of I.H. 45 to its intersection with the centerline of I.H. 10; thence in an easterly direction along the centerline of I.H. 10 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. 59; thence in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of U.S. 59 to its intersection with I.H. 45, the point of beginning."

**Section 2.** That the second sentence of Subsection (a) of Section 46-30 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Except for trips entirely within the central business district for which the alternate flat rate established by section 46-31(a)(10) of this Code is being charged, no driver shall carry a passenger, whether for hire or not, unless the taximeter is in the recording position."

**Section 3.** That Subsection (a) of Section 46-31 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a new Item (10) that reads as follows:

"(10) An alternate flat rate of \$6.00 shall be imposed for trips entirely within the central business district."

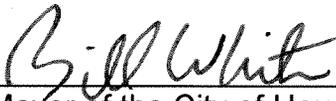
**Section 4.** That, if any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, is for

any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

**Section 5.** That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of October, 2006.

**APPROVED** this 4th day of October, 2006.

  
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Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is \_\_\_\_\_.

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City Secretary

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✓		LAWRENCE
✓		JOHNSON
✓		CLUTTERBUCK
✓		EDWARDS
✓		WISEMAN
✓		KHAN
✓		HOLM
✓		GARCIA
✓		ALVARADO
✓		BROWN
✓		LOVELL
✓		SEKULA-GIBBS
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	<del>ABSENT</del>	BERRY
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